



SEATTLE AREA YOUTH FOR CHRIST

**ANNUAL REPORT**

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## LIVING IN HOPE

We were blessed with another year of ministry that has taught us so much in 2021. We recognize that the pandemic has made it difficult to do ministry, but not impossible, and God has been faithful through it all. We learned that our youth are resilient as they continue to navigate around countless obstacles. We have seen staff persevere and find creative ways to stay connected with youth and families. We have also experienced church and community partners come together in unity in supporting families of the communities that we serve. All of this was made possible by the grace and faithfulness of God. Every blessing in 2021 was made possible because Seattle Area Youth for Christ leaned in and remained in Him, and God has sustained us.

As we enter 2022, we continue to lean into hope. All of our ministry sites are back up and running and we are excited to see what else God has in store for us in this new year. Scripture reminds us that *"suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character hope (Romans 5:3-5)."* We are encouraged and committed to live out that hope as God gives us opportunities to share the good news with the youth, families, and the communities that we serve. After persevering through a challenging 2021, we look forward to 2022 with great hopes of how God will guide us.

In Christ,



John Reid  
Executive Director



## A YEAR IN REVIEW: MINISTRY IN 2021

### CULTURED NIGHTS

By far the biggest highlight of 2021 was the return to in-person ministry at each of our ministry sites. Yet a return to in-person ministry didn't simply mean a "return to normal" because the last couple years have encouraged us to think creatively about the ministry we do.

One of the byproducts of this creativity was our regularly scheduled *Cultured Nights*. In pre-COVID times, all *Cultured* gatherings took place in our studio space, which made for pretty tight quarters. With the need to socially distance, our *Cultured* team began a series of gatherings outside of Rainier Beach Middle School which included live musical performances, games and contests, and a Gospel presentation by our *Cultured* ministry director Mike Davis.

In addition to partnering with the school to host the event, we also partnered with our friends at Community Passageways as well as members of Emerald City Bible Fellowship who provided a peaceful presence so that our students could have a safe space to gather.

We are so grateful for the vibrant partnerships we have with local schools, local churches, and other community organizations to engage with the students in our midst.



### GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 49th Annual Seattle YFC Golf Classic was wetter and colder than we expected it to be, but we were absolutely thrilled by the support shown by the 84 golfers who persevered through 18 rainy holes at the Golf Club at Newcastle. Those golfers, along with our 16 sponsors, helped us raise more than \$65,000.

Despite the weather, the feedback we received from the participants was outstanding. So many commented on how grateful they were to be playing again after the tournament took a hiatus in 2021.

We are already looking forward to the 50th Annual Seattle YFC Golf Classic on Friday, June 10 at The Golf Club at Newcastle.



## SUMMER DAY CAMPS

In July, our ministry sites came together and planned a three-day local camp for our students. The first day was spent in Monroe doing field games, the second day was spent at Green Lake in Seattle, and the final day was spent at a skating rink in Federal Way.

Each day of the camp included testimonies by our college interns as well as a Gospel presentation by one of our staff members. Our students had a blast throughout the week as evidenced by the fact that the number of students participating grew dramatically with each day. Many of these students were new to YFC and our staff has been able to remain connected with them in the months that followed.



## DROP-IN CENTER

This fall we launched our Casino Road Drop-In Center. The center is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30pm-5:30pm. On Tuesdays, the drop-in time leads into our City Life Program. On Thursdays, the drop-in time leads into our Student Leader training.

We are so excited to create this space for our students to get help with homework, get something to eat, and spend time with one another in a safe and welcoming environment.



## NEW & RETURNING INTERNS

In September, we began a new internship calendar with seven amazing interns serving at our various ministry sites. The majority of these interns were returning for their second year as we have witnessed a great benefit to having interns serve for multiple years. Additionally, our two newest interns are former students at the ministry sites at which they now serve.

We are continually thankful for the young people who have stepped into this leadership role. From serving directly with students to providing administrative support behind the scenes, we are glad to be able to partner with these amazing young people to transform the lives of students and their communities in the Seattle area.





## EVENING OF HOPE

In October, we hosted An Evening of Hope, our first attempt at a hybrid banquet. Over 80 people attended the in-person gathering at the Hyatt Regency on Lake Washington and dozens more joined us online as the event was streamed on Facebook Live and Youtube Live. Through a combination of pre-recorded videos and live performances, our students and staff reflected on the ways in which suffering leads to perseverance, perseverance leads to character, and character leads to hope.

## TURKEY BOWL

On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, more than 50 students and staff from our four ministry sites gathered for our annual Turkey Bowl celebration at Sambica Camp and Retreat Center in Bellevue. We are grateful to Sambica for being a wonderful host and grateful to Ezell's Famous Chicken who generously provided a hearty Thanksgiving meal for our students. It was a perfect way to kick off the holiday weekend.



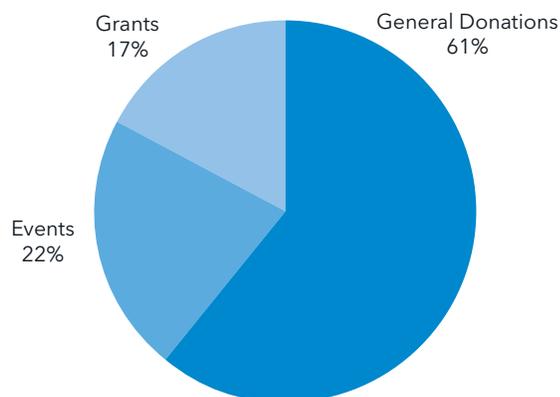
## CHRISTMAS SWEATSHIRTS

Continuing another annual tradition, we distributed approximately 150 "Christmas hoodies" to students, interns, and volunteers. Providing these gifts to our students allows them to represent Seattle YFC in a stylish way. More importantly, these gifts help our students feel seen and loved.

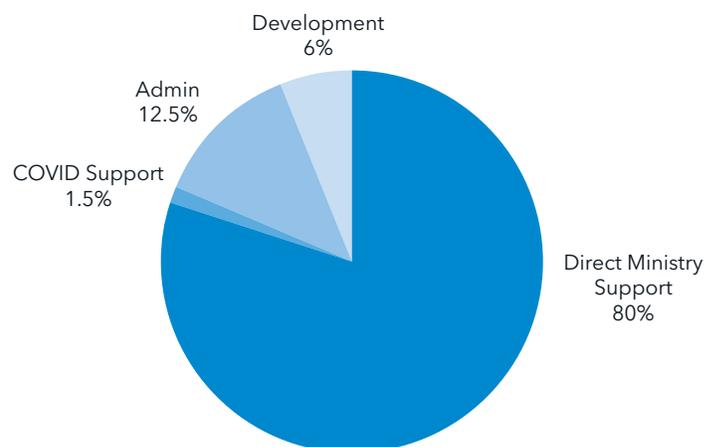


## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### REVENUE



### EXPENSES



*The numbers above reflect our most recent fiscal year, which ran from July 2020 - June 2021.*

We are so thankful for the ways in which those in our communities have surrounded us with support.

During the 2020-21 Fiscal Year, we gratefully received support from:

- **68 new giving partners**
- **15 new monthly supporters**
- **Faithful support from 258 different individuals, households, businesses, and foundations.**

If you're reading this report, you've played a role in what God is doing through Seattle YFC and we are so grateful for your partnership!

For YFC's stewardship and fundraising principles, please visit [www.seattleyfc.org/stewardship](http://www.seattleyfc.org/stewardship)

## CHURCH PARTNERS

Seattle YFC intentionally partners with like-minded organizations and churches to make a lasting impact on the lives of students and see communities transformed. As we continue to engage kids, we hope to continue to collaborate to equip urban youth with the necessary resources to thrive where they live, lead in their communities, and pursue Christ in their lives.



# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

